

**CITY OF SANTA MARIA  
LANDMARK COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
May 10, 2011  
Santa Maria Library, Study Room C  
4:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order:**

Committee Chair Jim Zemaitis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:**

Tim Larson	Present
Marjorie Martin	Absent
JoAnn (Joey) Wilson, Secretary	Present
Edward (Jim) Zemaitis, Chair	Present

**3. Minutes:** Marjorie Martin moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011, and were seconded by Tim Larson.

**4. Communication:**

- a. **Camp Fire Girls cabin:** Brian Bullock, Santa Maria Times staff reporter, arrived to get more information about the presentation of the Object of Historical Merit award to the Central Coast Campfire USA council on Saturday, May 14, 2011. He was intensely interested in the history of the cabin and the past activities of the Camp Fire Girls. Plans were made to take pictures, and Brian will probably have a story in the Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Santa Maria Times.
- b. **Dawn Kamiya and Japanese Cultural Center:** Jim provided pictures and a map of the area off Mary Drive. Because of trees and bushes, it is difficult to see from the street. He found it after calling Dawn Kamiya who helped him discover the building, tucked back on the lot, which provided a large empty area that possibly was a playground in the past. There will be further discussion on recognizing the building as historically significant.

**5. Old Business:**

- a. **Discussion of Knights of Pythias Building:** Discussion was tabled because of time constraints.
- b. **Progress of the Landmark flyer:** Joey has worked up a plan for the back page of the flyer, which Debbie Hildinger will finish.
- c. **Discussion of former Hancock Flying School Mess Hall for special designation:** Discussion was tabled because of time constraints.
- d. **Camp Fire Cabin Ceremony Preparations:**  
The committee will arrive at 10:00 a.m. The Camp Fire USA Central Coast Council members will also arrive with the key to the building. Inside the tables will be

rearranged at the front with red tablecloths, and the Camp Fire USA representatives CEO Denise Tallman will be accompanied by staff members and children in ceremonial gowns. Jim will bring small water bottles and the committee will furnish some cookies.

Jim will contact the Santa Maria City Recreation Department to have the building washed before the event.

The program is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Jim Zemaitis will chair the meeting: Introducing the Landmark Committee. Denise Tallman, CCCCamp Fire USA, will speak on the organization, Joey Wilson will discuss the building of the cabin and how it was used by the Camp Fire Girls from 1936 to the present. Marjorie Martin, former Camp Fire girl and daughter of the Architect Louis Crawford will relate her experiences and memories, Jerry Harper, retired Program Director will bring artifacts she rescued from the terrible vandalism attack suffered by the cabin a few years ago. She will also talk about her role and experiences as a Camp Fire Girl and Program Director. Also to speak will be Sylvia Bernard, Director of the Good Samaritan Shelter, which now uses the cabin as an after-school program for homeless children. These children are "Camp Fire Kids."

Other invited guests to speak are Grace Kyle, past member and Board member, and Marilyn Garcin, past member. It is hoped that past members from the community and Santa Maria City Council members attend.

**6. New Business:**

- a. There was no new business.

**7. Announcements:**

- a. **Status of applicants for open seat on Landmark Committee:** Mark Van de Kamp told the committee there is a possible new member to be confirmed at the next City Council meeting. Meantime, applications are available on the Santa Maria City website, in case there is still a need for new members.

**8. Adjournment:** Adjournment at 5.30 p.m.

**NOTICE: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
June 14, 2011  
4:00 P.M.  
Library, Study Rm. C**